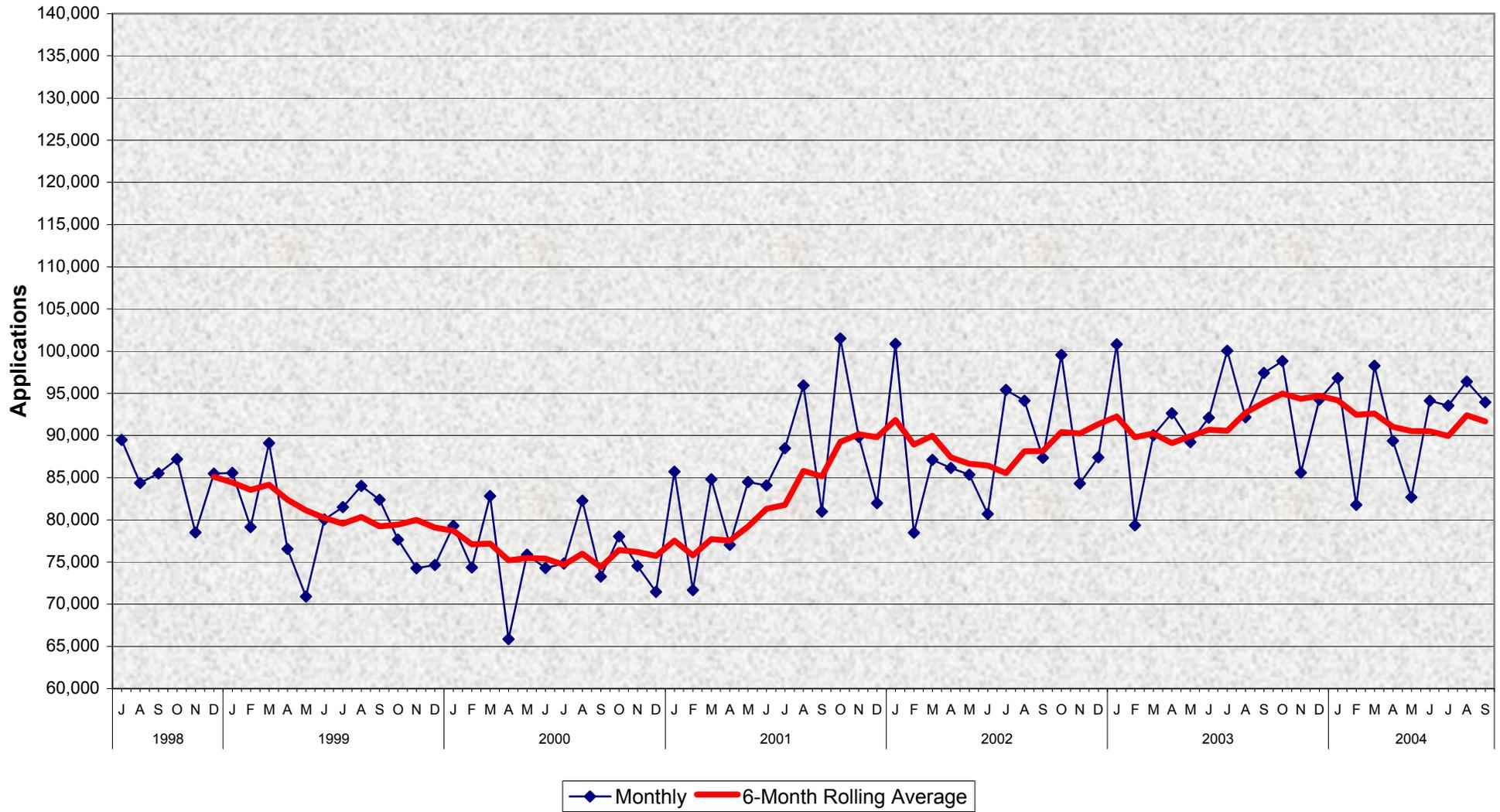


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MONTHLY PERCENT CHANGE

	Jul	% Chg	Aug	% Chg	Sep	% Chg	Oct	% Chg	Nov	% Chg	Dec	% Chg	Jan	% Chg	Feb	% Chg	Mar	% Chg	Apr	% Chg	May	% Chg	Jun	% Chg
1998/99	89,481	5.2%	84,384	-5.7%	85,496	1.3%	87,212	2.0%	78,509	-10.0%	85,481	8.9%	85,561	0.1%	79,134	-7.5%	89,093	12.6%	76,551	-14.1%	70,916	-7.4%	80,057	12.9%
1999/00	81,507	1.8%	84,021	3.1%	82,399	-1.9%	77,657	-5.8%	74,279	-4.3%	74,644	0.5%	79,304	6.2%	74,359	-6.2%	82,826	11.4%	65,852	-20.5%	75,892	15.2%	74,301	-2.1%
2000/01	74,820	0.7%	82,271	10.0%	73,283	-10.9%	78,041	6.5%	74,538	-4.5%	71,465	-4.1%	85,703	19.9%	71,689	-16.4%	84,795	18.3%	77,033	-9.2%	84,501	9.7%	84,090	-0.5%
2001/02	88,499	5.2%	95,924	8.4%	80,982	-15.6%	101,500	25.3%	89,826	-11.5%	81,978	-8.7%	100,874	23.1%	78,470	-22.2%	87,116	11.0%	86,159	-1.1%	85,365	-0.9%	80,698	-5.5%
2002/03	95,393	18.2%	94,109	-1.3%	87,352	-7.2%	99,552	14.0%	84,310	-15.3%	87,405	3.7%	100,798	15.3%	79,360	-21.3%	90,026	13.4%	92,618	2.9%	89,210	-3.7%	92,112	3.3%
2003/04	100,037	8.6%	92,160	-7.9%	97,403	5.7%	98,810	1.4%	85,593	-13.4%	94,253	10.1%	96,814	2.7%	81,784	-15.5%	98,270	20.2%	89,360	-9.1%	82,671	-7.5%	94,112	13.8%
2004/05	93,523	-0.6%	96,399	3.1%	93,958	-2.5%																		

- Food Stamp applications decreased 2.5% between August 2004 and September 2004.
- Food Stamp applications decreased 3.5% between September 2003 and September 2004.

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